

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 4

8:00am First Saturday Mass

4:30pm Cecelia V. Driscoll

Requested by family

Sunday, August 5

8am Kerri Bessette

Requested by Mom, Dad and Scott

10:00am William Apicerno

Requested by family

12:00nn Joan Kazounis

Requested by family

Monday, August 6

7:00am Bridget Melvin

Requested by Jim and Susan Meehan

Tuesday, August 7

7:00am James & Elizabeth Holland

Requested by Fred & Arlene Robinson

Wednesday, August 8

7:00am Walter DiPrete

Requested by family

Thursday, August 9

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, August 10

7:00am George St. Germain

Requested by Jim and Susan Meehan

Saturday, August 11

4:30pm Jack Brockmann

Requested by niece

Sunday, August 12

8:00am Masumeh Ghandaharian

Requested by family

10:00am Mary-Frances Esty

Requested by Marcia & James Signorelli

12:00nn Peter Swanson

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 4

5:30pm Craig Michael Bento and

James & Mary O'Rourke

Requested by family

Sunday, August 5

8am Robert and Mary Cochrane

Requested by Gerri and Al Marsocci

10:00am Mary and Helen Coffee

Requested by family

Saturday, August 11

5:30pm Kathryn Faucher

Requested by family

Sunday, August 12

8:00am Grace & John Carpinelli

Requested by family

10:00am Sabatino & Pearl Vacca

Gino & Catherine Parente

Requested by family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Rosemary Walsh and Margaret Flynn.

TWENTY WEEK CLUB WINNERS—WEEK 12

Congratulations to the latest 20 Week Club drawing winners: Michele Posillo and Kathleen Dwyer. Stay tuned for next week's drawing!



HOLY HOUR WITH PRAISE!

Wednesday, August 8th at 7pm, our teen ensemble PRAISE! will lead our parish in a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join us in the Church for an evening of Adoration and Praise.

PETER'S PENCE

Today we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters and others in need of emergency assistance. Pope Benedict XVI has said, "It is necessary above all that every person be motivated by the authentic spirit of peace" (Homily, January 1, 2011). Cast the peace of Christ upon the world—please be generous in today's Collection.



HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO CONVERT VHS TO DVD?

Our Religious Education Office has a wealth of VHS tapes that we would like to preserve on DVD format. If you have the capability to convert from VHS to DVD and would like to offer your services for a good cause, the Religious Education Office would graciously appreciate it. (We will supply you with the blank DVDs.) Please call the Religious Education Office at 792-8684 or email Barbetta Cullen at Cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net or Diane Castro at castro_stfrancis@verizon.net. Thank you.

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT— July 29

July 29TH

Budget envelopes (365 used)	-	\$6,743.00
Loose Donations	-	\$2,000.00
Online Giving (14 donors)	-	\$ 251.00
Total Budget	-	\$8,994.00

This weekend's second offering will be the Peter's Pence Offering for the works of the Holy Father. Next weekend's second offering will be the Monthly offering for August. As always, thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

AUGUST 5, 2012



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Wednesday, August 15th the Church Universal will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This solemn feast recalls that Mary was "assumed" body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life. Pope Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption on November 1, 1950: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the

ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The readings of the Mass will help us reflect on Mary, our queen, who, because she belonged to Christ, was raised on high as a great sign for all who believe in her Son. In times past, it was common for the faithful to have the produce of their fields, gardens and orchards blessed on this day as a sign of Mary's continued fruitfulness in heaven through her powerful intercession. It is still a custom to recite the *Ave Regina Caelorum* on this day: "Hail, O Queen of Heaven. / Hail, O Lady of Angels / Hail! thou root, hail! thou gate / From whom unto the world, a light has arisen: / Rejoice, O glorious Virgin, / Lovely beyond all others, / Farewell, most beautiful maiden, / And pray for us to Christ."

Saint Clare of Assisi

Next Saturday, the Church Universal celebrates the memorial of Saint Clare of Assisi, an early follower of Saint Francis. She was the first female Franciscan, having been received into the Order by Saint Francis at the "Portiuncula" despite the objections of her family. Eventually, other women gathered around her to live out the Franciscan ideal. The nuns went barefoot, slept on the ground, ate no meat and observed almost complete silence. (Later Clare, like Francis, persuaded her sisters to moderate this rigor: "Our bodies are not made of brass.") The greatest emphasis, of course, was on gospel poverty. They possessed no property, even in common, subsisting on daily contributions. When even the pope tried to persuade her to mitigate this practice, she showed her characteristic firmness: "I need to be absolved from my sins, but I do not wish to be absolved from the obligation of following Jesus Christ." A well-known story concerns her prayer and trust. She had the Blessed Sacrament placed on the high wall of the convent when it faced attack by invading Saracens. "I beseech you, dear Lord, protect these whom I am now unable to protect." To her sisters she said, "Don't be afraid. Trust in Jesus." The Saracens fled. Saint Clare died in 1253.

Religious Education

Need for Catechists & Aides

Our teachers and aides are a key component of our religious education program. Their unselfish generosity of time and talent is a gift to the young parishioners of St. Francis Parish. With over 500 children in our program, there is a great need for more teachers. *Why not you? Team teaching is an option so invite a friend to join you! Newly confirmed teens, this is your chance to give back to the community the gifts of your faith that were passed on to you.*

The qualifications needed are: a generous heart, enjoyment of young people, and a willingness to share your faith.

Training and assistance are provided. Please call Barbette Cullen or Diane Castro at 792-8684 for more information.



This Week

Sunday, August 5

1:30pm Baptisms by Deacon Iacono
7:00pm Catholicism DVD (FGC)
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, August 6

7:30am-12nn Adoration
11-12nn Divine Mercy Cenacle close
out Adoration at St. Francis
7-8:30pm Praise Rehearsal (FGC)

Tuesday, August 7

7:00pm Catholicism DVD (FGC)

Wednesday, August 8

7:00pm Holy Hour with PRAISE! (SF)
7:00pm Matunuck Breakfast Planning
Mtg. at Community Field House

Thursday, August 9

2:00pm Mass at Scallop Shell
7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC)

Be sure to check out the following sites to keep on top of all the happenings in the parish:

<http://stfranciswakefield.com> or
<http://facebook.com>

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary is observed on Wednesday, August 15. This special day in honor of Our Blessed Lady is a ***Holy Day of Obligation***. Masses will be celebrated in St. Francis Church at **7AM, 12NN, and 6:30PM.**

Blessing of Herbs and Fruits on Assumption Day



In many parts of the world and even in our own country, the Solemnity of Our Lady's Assumption is marked by a unique tradition of blessing herbs and fruits. The symbolism of the tradition is powerful: Mary is often portrayed as a *vine*, from which the tender stem of the Messiah grew, and the *fruit* of Mary's womb was no less than the Savior of the world. The blessed fruits would be shared with family and friends or given to the poor, while the herbs would be kept on hand for cooking and even medicinal remedies. In some countries, bunches of the fragrant blessed herbs would be dried and placed behind religious art in the home. **The custom of this blessing will be observed in our parish on Wednesday, August 15, immediately following the 12NN Mass.** *All are invited to bring bunches of flowers and herbs, as well as baskets of fruits to the church, which will be placed on a table by the altar of Our Lady.* Immediately after Mass, the items will be blessed and can be taken home for your own use.

SUMMERCATECHETICAL SERIES

Please join us as Fr. Baron's DVD series continues at Father Greenan Center:

- 7PM Sunday, August 5 – "The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure"
- 7PM Tuesday, August 7 – "A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church"
- 7PM Sunday, August 12 – "Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist"
- 7PM Tuesday, August 14 – "A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints"
- 7PM Sunday, August 19 – "The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit"
- 7PM Tuesday, August 21 – "World Without End: The Last Things"

Matunuck Breakfast Planning Meeting

Wednesday, Aug. 8th, 7:00pm at Matunuck Community Field House

THE MEMORIAL OF SAINT DOMINIC

August 8th is observed as the memorial of Saint Dominic de Guzman, the thirteenth century priest and founder of the Order of Friars Preachers, more commonly known as "the Dominicans." Saint Dominic was exposed as a young priest to the heresy of "Albigensianism" which led its adherents to despise their flesh and bodily existence. Saint Dominic vigorously preached against this heresy, pointing to the "Incarnational" nature of authentic Christian spirituality. Since the second person of the Trinity, the Eternal Word, assumed human flesh and entered into this material world of ours, bodily existence must never be considered evil! Saint Dominic realized that much of the confusion surrounding this heresy was a lack of proper formation in authentic Christian doctrine. So Saint Dominic, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, began an order of preachers who would travel throughout the world spreading sound doctrine through their preaching. Saint Dominic's young order blossomed and quickly spread throughout all of Europe. The Dominican family includes the greatest intellectual light of the Catholic tradition, Saint Thomas Aquinas. The Dominican order continues to flourish today, even in our own area, where the Dominican Fathers own and operate Providence College. Recently, Pope Benedict said of Saint Dominic: "Dominic, who wished to found a religious Order of theologian-preachers, reminds us that theology has a spiritual and pastoral dimension that enriches the soul and life...This great Saint reminds us that in the heart of the Church a missionary fire must always burn" (General Audience of February 3, 2010). Following the example of Saint Dominic, may we never fail to preach the gospel "in season and out of season"! Saint Dominic, pray for us!



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